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1. I AM SURPRISED AND CHAGRINED BY THE NEWS THAT
DAO TEL AVIV HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SUSPEND SECURITY
ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS ON OCTOBER 1 (REF A),
PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS EMBASSY WAS NOT INCLUDED IN
ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION FOR REFTEL B WHICH REQUESTED OUR
INPUT PRIOR TO THE DECISION.

2. MY FIRST PREFERENCE ON SA MANAGEMENT IS TO LEAVE
THINGS EXACTLY AS THEY ARE. THE WORK PERFORMED ON
TRAINING HERE CANNOT REASONABLY BE DONE ELSEWHERE.
SINCE THE EMBASSY CANNOT PROVIDE NON-MILITARY PERSON-
NEL AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR PRESENT ARRANGEMENT,
WE ESSENTIALLY END UP DISCUSSING ONLY WHETHER THE US
MILITARY PERSON WHO HANDLES THIS MATTER SHOULD BE
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A MEMBER OF THE DAO OFFICE.

3. IF KEEPING THE STATUS QUO IS ABSOLUTELY OUT OF THE
QUESTION, I WOULD APPRECIATE EUCOM PROVIDING ONE
OF THE THREE AUTHORIZATIONS OFFERED IN REF D TO THE
EMBASSY FOR AN ENLISTED TECHNICIAN TO CARRY OUT THOSE
DUTIES OUTLINED IN PARA 2, REF D. I PROPOSE THAT THE

AIR FORCE NCO (TSGT) CURRENTLY ASSIGNED HERE AND PERFORMING THESE DUTIES BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS NEW POSITION. HE IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE FY78 EUCOM SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHOOL.

4. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR TWO EUCOM OFFICERS TO BE IDENTIFIED AS "ISRAELI COUNTRY OFFICERS" TO MONITOR THE SA PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL. AS A BEGINNING, THESE OFFICERS COULD ATTEND AN ISRAELI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BRIEFING ON MATMON C, THE ISRAELI DESIRED FORCE PLAN FOR 1978-86, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN THE EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM LATER THIS MONTH. THESE EUCOM OFFICERS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL PARTICIPANTS IN THE JOINT JSC, DSAA, OSD/ISA TEAM WHICH WILL VISIT ISRAEL NEXT SUMMER TO GATHER DATA IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS--AN EXERCISE WHICH ALSO INVOLVES EUCOM.

4. MY DESIRE TO AVOID SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN OUR PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS REFLECTS MY APPREHENSION THAT A FRAGMENTATION OF US MILITARY REPRESENTATION HERE COULD WELL LEAD INTERNALLY TO A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT OR COMPETITION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS AND WOULD CONFUSE THE ISRAELIS. IN OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IDF ABOUT LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS, THE ISRAELIS
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HAVE ALWAYS INSISTED THAT THEY BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE DAO. IT IS TO THE DAO THAT I LOOK TO PROVIDE A LARGE PART OF THE ADVICE NEEDED TO ASSESS THE POLITICO-MILITARY IMPACT OF VARIOUS US DECISIONS ON ISRAELI SECURITY. I ASSUME THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE MAJOR POLICY INPUT THAT WE PROVIDE TO WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

5. IF IT SHOULD DEVELOP THAT EITHER OF THE ARRANGEMENTS I HAVE SUGGESTED ABOVE IS NOT ADEQUATE TO EUCOM AND EMBASSY NEEDS, WE COULD REVIEW THEM AT ANY TIME. IN ANY CASE, I SUGGEST THAT WE LOOK AT THE WHOLE SITUATION AGAIN A YEAR FROM NOW TO SEE IF OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT HERE IS EFFICIENT AND ADEQUATE.
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